Lindley Educational Trust Placement

**Approximate dates March 2nd – May 1st 2015**

Landon Carver are delighted to offer the first of our UK work placements for recent graduates from the Outdoor Adventure and Education Sector in Ireland. This opportunity provides funding for one candidate to spend 60 days immersed in the Hollowford centre situated in the heart of the Peak District National Park.

More importantly Hollowford is an exponent of Outdoor Education and the successful candidate will spend time learning from their experienced staff and a multitude of clients & students from a wide variety of social backgrounds and sectors.

**The Placement and Accommodation**

We have attained funding for one candidate to work in Hollowford for 60 days from approximately March 2nd to May 1st. The funding covers all associated travel costs, insurance, some branded clothing as well as full board in the Hollowford centre for the duration of the stay. This also includes a night away in Scotland and CPD opportunities listed below.

**Broad Description**

Lindley Educational Trust provides personal and team development. Their instructors stay with their group throughout the duration of their stay, so that they can build rapport and really tailor the level of challenge accordingly. All groups will work towards specific aims and within activities suitable periods of reflection and reviewing take place to help identify learning.

More info on Lindley Educational trust from [www.hollowford.org](http://www.hollowford.org)

More information on Hollowford Centre from http://www.hollowford.org/hollowford/index.htm

**During the 60 days the student will have exposure to a diverse range of groups including:**

* Graduate programmes focusing on teamwork and leadership development.
* National Citizenship Service events
* Youth Groups
* Primary and Secondary school course

**As part of the placement they will have the opportunity to attend the following CPD:**

* Annual Festival of Outdoor Learning
* Winter mountaineering in Cairngorms
* Instructor update including external ‘expert’ input on bushcraft and archery

**Hollowford delivers a wide range of activities:**

- Rock Climbing - Hill Walking - Abseiling - Canoeing

- Raft Building - Bushcraft - Kayaking - Environmental activities

- Mine Exploration - Rock scrambling - High Ropes - Stream scrambling

- Low Ropes - Problem Solving - Challenge Course - Orienteering

- On-Piste Skiing - Caving - Mountaineering

## Roles and Responsibilities

* The successful candidate will be part of the instructional team initially working alongside fully experience staff - shadowing / assisting. As their placement progresses the students would run their own group with an appropriate level of support.

*(eg; A qualified caving instructor would accompany them underground)*

* Deliver activities in a safe and professional manner in accordance with operating procedures and safety guidelines.
* Help with the general day-to-day running of the activity related aspect of the centre.

Including kit store maintenance, course preparation, welcome and departures.

* During the placement the student will be given an exposure to the workings of other aspects of the centre. Eg; assisting house team or kitchen for a day.

#### Candidate Specification

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| **Desirable** | **Essential** |
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| DBS safeguarding check (Garda clearance) |  |
| D1 entitlement to drive minibuses | First Aid Certificate |
| Activity specific experience  Eg: rock climbing or open canoeing | A keen enthusiasm to be working in the outdoors |
| Experience of facilitation of learning in the outdoors |  |
| Mature student say 21+ |  |

### Suggested Equipment list;

This placement takes place during the colder months, hence we recommend the following;

- Leather 3-4 season boots - Set of mountain waterproofs

- winter mountain trousers - 40 litre rucsac

- thermals - fleece jumper + jacket

- winter outer gloves - fleece hat and neck gaiter

- gaiters (boots) - Good quality head torch

**Note** *: We will look at the practicalities of undertaking a Garda Clearance check in advance of the placement*

**To Apply**

Interested applicants should send a CV along with a letter (No more than 500 words), outlining why they believe they should be the candidate chosen this year. Candidates will be shortlisted by Landon Carver based on criteria supplied by Hollowford, and maybe required to attend an interview. The final candidate will then be selected following a Skype interview with the team in Hollowford. Please send CV as well as letter to [david@landoncarver.com](mailto:david@landoncarver.com) by *Tuesday the 24th of February.*